GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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DAMAGE TO COTTON CROP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been huge losses to the farmers due to widespread damage of cotton crop in the country during the current season;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor;

(c) the financial loss caused to the farmers, State and UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government have provided any financial assistance to the State/UTs;

(e) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The cotton crop in the States of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan havesuffered losses on account of attack of American boll worm. The early onset of the rains in the month of May and June 2001 led to early buildup of pest. Subsequent intermittent rains and cloudy weather helped further multiplication of pest and hindered the spray operations, causing damage to cotton.

(c): The financial losses based on Minimum Support Price (MSP) estimated for these states is as under:

Sl.No.	State	Financial Loss (Rs. in crores)
1	Punjab	380.88
2.	Haryana	684.13
3.	Rajasthan	298.60
	Total	1363.61

(d) to (f): Farmers are compensated under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme forcrop losses. However, only those farmers who have insured their crop are provided compensation as per the rules/norms. However, the states of Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthanare not covered under the scheme as these states have not opted for the insurance scheme.